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Remember the controversy on whether or not
the Soviets are or might be supporting Western
peace movements?

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Letters

K.G.B. Agents, Welcome to the (Peace) Club!

To the Editor:

The Soviets can hardly be faulted on moral grounds for trying to influence the Western peace movement [news story July 26]. After all, the nuclear weapons the West seeks to deploy will be targeted on Soviet cities and Soviet people, and anything short of being forced to build and deploy more and more nuclear weapons is morally justifiable from the Soviet perspective.

Indeed, in this the Western peace movement has common ground with the Soviets. Any means conceivable for ending the nuclear arms race has merit, is a plus for peace, whether it emanates from the K.G.B. or from the American Catholic bishops or from the U.S. Congress or from the little old lady carrying a placard in the streets of New York City, the point being that anyone or anything for ending the unconscionable race to destroy the planet is on the moral side of the issue.

The pro-nuclear people don't like to talk much about the morality of their position, for obvious reasons. Not surprisingly, those who are the most aghast and the most critical of Soviet involvement in peace efforts — think of it: the mean old Communists are spending millions in a campaign to

halt deployment of Western nuclear weapons — are the same people who are staunch pro-nuclear advocates, the weapons-for-peace people, the peace-through-strength people, to



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whom anything with a peace label on it, including our own home-grown peace movement, is anathema.

A threat to peace, they call it. And who has ulterior motives? Of course it is in the interests of the pro-nuclear advocates to cast the specter of evil

intentions on the Soviets, on the K.G.B., just as it is in their interests to undermine and thereby weaken the political clout of the Western peace movement through guilt by association, i.e., by exposing so-called ominous links between the K.G.B. and Western peace advocates and groups.

The Western peace movement could do worse than find an occasional K.G.B. agent in its midst. It could succumb to such silly tactics as are part and parcel of the pro-nuclear campaign: to deploy more nuclear weapons and focus its campaign on the evils of the East.

However, this is one of those momentous dilemmas in which one can't have it both ways. Either one is for or one is against ending the arms race. If it so happens that one finds a K.G.B. agent here and there, then welcome to the club. We are working for the same cause — peace.

Right now, the primary objective should be to prevent deployment of the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe. Despite all the rhetoric to the contrary, their deployment will herald an irreversible escalation in the nuclear arms race.

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